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Dear Sir,

If you have any doubt that you should read this book rapidly, just thumb through the appendix, or read the Postscript. Please do not be adversely influenced by its unique appearance. As the Preface explains, it was my only alternative.

A year ago, when the book had been ready for several months, we computed that my wife, my only assistant, and I had more than 7,000 hours in it. We have a third of a million words of typed notes alone. I am satisfied you will find it solid, else I'd never never gone further into debt for this private printing. It cannot make money but possibly it will overcome publisher reluctance to touch the subject right now.

We have not yet arranged distribution and would appreciate any help we can get on that or advertising. Would you advertise it on a per order basis, or sell it for the bookstore profit? Order to us will have to be accompanied with payment, for we just have no funds and have the printing bill to pay in a month, the borrowed down payment to return, postage, envelopes, etc. But we should be able to mail the books out the day we get the orders. We will ship on consignment to bookstores upon receipt of transportation costs.

Also, please notice that the book focuses on the Report and the staff rather than the Commission or its members. The FBI, really, was part of the staff, for it prepared the basis for the Commission's work in its own Report and provided most of the investigative and technical services. I believe this is important, and I do not believe the Commission or its chairman should be made the goats. In this connection I refer you to the two-part introduction.

If you have any opinion or comments, we'd appreciate getting them. And we do thank you for anything you can do.

sincerely,